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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 21, 2006**

Dear Sir:

This Response is being made in response to the Office Action mailed on  
September 21, 2006. A listing of all pending claims begins on page 2, and remarks  
begin on page 7.